



Talkin' Trash – The Anti-Debris Act

Scoring Guide for Newspaper Article

Exemplary (Exceeds the Standard)

- Article meets all the criteria for Proficient, plus:
- Article contains multiple perspectives on the topic of the Anti-Debris Act
- Article contains quotes from primary sources that show the publisher's point of view
- Article achieves a balance between researched ideas and original ideas
- Article contains strong verbs and nouns

Proficient (Meets the Standard)

- Article is written as a time piece of journalism from the 1800's, from the perspective of a reporter actually reporting it as current news
- Article explains the background (historical context) of the Anti-Debris Act
- All information contained in the article is historically accurate (from the reporter's perspective) and relevant to the topic (Anti-Debris Act)
- Article has catchy, concise headline that accurately describes the content
- Article has a byline
- Article has a beginning, middle, and end
- All graphics have captions that describe the graphic.
- Article answers the questions *who*, *what*, *where*, *why*, *when*, and *with what result*?
- Article has been proofread for spelling, grammar, and punctuation

Progressing (Toward Meeting the Standard)

- Article contains at least six of the criteria for Proficient
- Article needs more work

Not Yet Meeting the Standard

- Article contains less than six of the criteria for Proficient
- Article lacks content and/or focus
- Article needs more work